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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, IR, UK

SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH UK ON IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

REFERENCE: LONDON 04937

1. WE WELCOME EMBASSY'S DISCUSSION WITH LUCAS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN IRAN AND BELIEVE CONTINUED US-UK CONTACTS CAN BE USEFUL OVER COMING MONTHS. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON IRANIAN SITUATION AND TO PROVIDE UK WITH FACTS AND BACKGROUND THAT MAY COME TO OUR ATTENTION.

2. WE AGREE WITH LUCAS THAT THERE ARE DEFINITE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE IRANIAN SITUATION, WHICH, AT ANY RATE, HAS NOT BEEN AS BAD AS THE MOST EXTREME CRITICS PROFESS. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE RECENT INDICATIONS OF MORE GOI OPENNESS IN DISCUSSIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE AND  
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IN WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT OUTSIDE CONTACT RELATED TO SOME HUMAN RIGHTS CASES WHICH HAVE RAISED MOST INTERNATIONAL DOUBTS (SEE PARTICULARLY TEHRAN 1889). ALSO ENCOURAGING HAS BEEN GOI'S SPECIFIC LISTING OF STATE SECURITY PRISONERS AMNESTIED BY SHAH (TEHRAN 2427) AND CONFIDENTIAL CONTACTS WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE BELIEVE RECOGNITION AND QUIET ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS

TREND IS THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION. WE WELCOME ANY  
BRITISH INITIATIVES SEEKING TO FURTHER THAT LINE.  
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